Reservation of seats in Sainik School, Tilaia, Jharkhand

†2245. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence in its letter has directed Principal, Sainik School, Tilaia (Jharkhand) that 67 per cent and 33 per cent of the total seats may be reserved for the students of Jharkhand and Bihar respectively;

(b) whether this directive is against the 10th schedule of Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000 in the light of its section 70 (1); and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has since withdrawn its directive, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A directive was issued on 2nd May 2002 to the Principal, Sainik School, Tilaia, under relevant provisions of Sainik Schools Society Rules and Regulations, that the State of Jharkhand, being the home State, will be entitled to 67% of the total seats available for admission and the balance of 33% of seats would go to boys from other States/UTs, including the State of Bihar.

(b) and (c) The above directive has since been withdrawn.

Atrocities on SCs/STs

2246. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken serious result oriented steps to curb the growing nightmarish menace of atrocities against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, he reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Following steps have been taken for effective enforcement of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in an effective manner:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.